

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 4, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pro-Tem Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said that he attended an event at Beech Church in Carthage. He said this is one of the top 10 endangered buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Bridges said the Stellabration will be October 14 from 11:00-12:00. The lunch will be 12:00-1:00 at the 201 Building.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The committee is meeting to begin planning for next year.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA** – Later on the agenda.
- **City Center** – Ready to bid.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We were awarded for Phase II.

- **Brownfield Grant** – No report.
- **ECDC** – No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Councilman Smith congratulated the department on their completion of the 5K in Connersville.

Street – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash went well. They completed the pick-up on Thursday.

He said he is applying for IDEM grants for a chipper and a recycling truck with a 50/50 match.

Next week the Board of Works will conduct interviews to replace Dan Hoover.

Fire – Chief Jenkins reminded everyone of the Chili Supper this Friday at the station from 5:00-7:00.

Animal – Bridges said he sent Council a copy of the 3rd quarter report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Berkemeier said he attended the Carthage Freedom Fest over the weekend and was very impressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pro-Tem Bridges asked to move the following 2 items up on the agenda:

1. **Corridor Overlay Approval** – Bryant Niehoff handed out a report regarding the overlay for the new jail. He recommended approval due to the proposed project meeting all of the required development standards of the Corridor Overlay District. He said it has been approved by the Historic Board and the Area Plan Commission.

Councilman Smith told DLZ that the City Council needs to be kept in the loop on this project. He said the variances and re-zone needs to be done correctly. Smith said we need to move forward with the re-zone.

Berkemeier made a motion to approve the corridor overlay as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Request for Use of Water Street Right-of-Way** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve the use of the Water Street right-of-way. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Blue Ribbon Estates Lighting** – We are still waiting on Duke for the lighting. Miller and Tucker will have discussion regarding the placement of the signage.
2. **Title VI Plan and Policy** – The 30 day comment period will end October 5th.
3. **Highway 52 Property** – Newhouse said there will be a hearing on the re-plat on the 12th at 6:00 p.m.
4. **Trash Options Report** – Councilman Smith said we need something in place to be able to enforce the ordinance when it is not followed. Trash is being thrown on the ground and animals are making a mess. He said tagging the resident is not working He asked for input from Council. Council is in agreement that a fine schedule needs to be implemented. After lengthy discussion Smith and Cameron said they would work on a proposal.
5. **APC/BZA Joint Planning and Zoning Board** – Bridges asked for comments from Council. Bridges said we need to decide what direction we wish to go and move forward. He said we want to keep our employee. Cameron said he understood from the tone of the County that they wanted to dissolve the joint APC/BZA. Berkemeier asked if there were any changes since the board met. Niehoff said he has not been approached by County as to their plans. Bridges said he understood that the County is in favor of dissolving the joint APC/BZA on October 14th. Cameron said this is not what we expected or wanted. Motion was made by Councilman Smith that enlight of the fact that the county intends, and have made their intentions known, that they intend to vacate this joint agreement and in order to maintain the City APC/BZA functions we make our intentions as a governing body known to the joint governing body that we intend to vacate this joint agreement. Motion died for lack of second.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Ordinance 2016-16 Adoption of 2017 Budget** – Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2016-16 for the 2017 Budget. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2016-24 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** –Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2016-24. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **2017 Utility Budget** – Les Day reviewed the utility 2017 budget changes. Berkemeier moved to approve the waste water budget. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Smith moved to approve the 2017 water budget. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Sandy Fussner announced that there will be a job fair this Saturday from 9-12 at the high school cafeteria.

APC/BZA – Cameron said he would like to make the following motion in regard to the APC/BZA joint agreement. Cameron moved that the City continue the APC/BZA function should the agreement between the City and County be dissolved. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:32.